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1. EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING TO HANABUSA.

2. WE APPRECIATE GREATLY THE GOJ'S KEEPING US SO WELL INFORMED ON THE STATE OF GOJ-DRV NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THE DECISION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSIES IN RESPECTIVE

CAPITALS IS ONE FOR THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED TO MAKE, WE APPLAUD THE JAPANESE REFUSAL TO GIVE IN TO DRV ATTEMPTS AT BLACKMAIL. GIAP'S POINT ABOUT US ATTITUDE TOWARD PRG IS DELIBERATELY MISLEADING. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT WE SIGNED THE JANUARY 27 PEACE AGREEMENT ALONG WITH PRG AND
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OTHER PARTIES, THE USG ATTITUDE TOWARD HANOI'S SOUTHERN

APPENDAGE SINCE THAT TIME CANNOT BE DESCRIBED AS FORTHCOMING. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE REGARD THE GVN AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

3. EMBOFFS CORRECTLY EXPLAINED TO HANABUSA UNLIKELIHOOD THAT USG WOULD TWIST PARIS AGREEMENT IN SUCH A WAY AS TO

BENEFIT PRG OR HANOI. THE US HAS NOT INTERJECTED ITSELF INTO THE TWO-PARTY POLITICAL CONTEXT ON THE SIDE OF THE GVN; WE HAVE NO INTENTION TO DO SO ON BEHALF OF THE PRG.

4. AS THE GOJ IS AWARE, THERE IS ACCUMULATING EVIDENCE THAT HANOI IS NOW ATTEMPTING TO LINK PRG RECOGNITION TO PROGRESS IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ITSELF IN CASES OF SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES -- I.E. -- UK, NETHERLANDS, CANADA, FRANCE. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, DRV/PRG HAVE UP TO THIS TIME GAINED NO SATISFACTION ON THIS SCORE. KISSINGER

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